GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:340
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2001
DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI WAR PAMPHLETS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some students in Delhi were arrested recently for distributing anti-war pamphlets and planning to stick some posters;

(b) if so, the details in this regard ;

(c) whether Democratic Students Organization and Akhil Bhartiya Jan Pratirodh Manch are involved in anti-national activities; and

(d) if so, the factual position in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): Six activists of Democratic Students Organization were arrested on 8th October, 2001 when they were found distributing hand bills against the US attack on Afghanistan in a communally sensitive area of North-East District.They were subsequently released on bail by the Court. In another incident on the 18th October, 2001, three other activists of the same Organization were detained for about eight hours under section 65 of Delhi Police Act for distributing hand bills and posters at the main gate of the Sham Lal College.

(c)&(d): No anti-national activity on the part of Democratic Students Organization and Akhil Bhartiya Jan Pratirodh Manch has come to the notice of the Government.